report in 1971. This Committee suggested reduction in tax rates, reduction in controls and licences, regulation of donations to political parties, liberal Summary Assessment Schemes in small income cases, vigorous search, survey and prosecution policy, introduction of Permanent Account Number and penalty to be based on tax and not in income as some of the measures to reduce the incidents of tax evasion and avoidance. Most of these suggestions were incorporated in the Income-tax and other Direct Taxes Act through the Finance Act. 1975.

The Government also entrusted the task of study of black money to the National Institute of Public Finance and Policy in 1983, though this was not a separate Committee formed for this purpose. Their report was submitted in 1985 and views of Members of Parliament on suggestions made were invited which have been reflected in the Long-term Fiscal Policy. The suggestions on which action has already been taken include, *inter alia*, liberalisation of Summary Assessment Scheme and stepping up of searches, prosecution and survey. The suggestions on which action was to be taken by the State Governments have been brought to their notice for consideration. To simplify and rationalise Direct Tax Laws, a Discussion Paper was laid on the Tables of both the Houses of Parliament.

Visit of Soviet delegation to India.

1118. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Soviet Scientists' delegation visited the country during February, 1987;

(b) what are the areas selected by the Soviets for cooperation in India;

(c) whether any agreement has since been reached in this regard; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A preparatory delegation of Soviet Scientists visited India in January, 1987 for discussions prior to the visit of the main delegation which is now scheduled for March, 1987.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Does not arise.

Narora Atomic Power Plant

1119. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Narora Atomic Power Plant is not likely to be commissioned in 1988, as planned;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) by when the project is now scheduled to be commissioned; and

(d) what measures have been taken to remove the problems which are coming in the way of its completion on schedule?

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